

REMARKS

The above election along with the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Official Action dated September 23, 2003 (U.S. Patent Office Paper No. 20030922), the period for response to which will expire on October 23, 2003.

Election / Restriction Requirement

The Examiner is respectfully requested to review the substance of Claims 1 to 6 and to indicate the allowability of the claims.

Claims 1 to 6, drawn to a hybridization apparatus with case, injecting member and discharging member, have been elected in this application, while remaining claims 7 and 8 are withdrawn from further prosecution at this point, without prejudice and traverse. Applicants hereby reserve the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

Substantive consideration of the elected claims is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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